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ENERGIZER?

Expect savings on winter heating bills, government says

Associated Press

WASHINGTON There's good news for people worried about winter heating bills.

People using natural gas this winter stand to save \$105, compared with last year, and propane users will get even bigger savings, the government said. Households that use heating oil or electric heat also are expected to spend less during the heating season.

The Energy Information Administration said in its annual winter outlook Tuesday that lower fuel costs across the board and an expected milder winter will cut average heating costs for the upcoming season by 8 percent compared to last year—to about \$960.

Households are expected to pay an average of \$783, nearly 12 percent less than last winter, for natural gas, and \$1,821 for heating oil, about 2 percent lower. People using electric heat will pay \$933, a decline of 2 percent, and those using propane \$1,667, or 14 percent less than last winter, the agency said.

The report cautioned that the projections reflect average costs and that expenditures for individual households will vary depending on local weather conditions, the size and energy efficiency of homes and the efficiency of heating equipment.

The report said natural gas inventories approaching the heating season are expected to be at a record high of more than 3.8 trillion cubic feet. Wholesale prices are well below last winter, and the EIA said prices are expected to remain low through October and then increase slightly as demand picks up.

The nearly 8 million households that use heating oil, primarily in the Northeast, can expect to save an average \$40 to \$60 compared to last winter. The agency said residential heating oil prices in the Northeast are expected to



Siufun Mui clears snow in front of her Chinatown home during winter. ZBIGNIEW BZDAK/TRIBUNE FILE

WHAT ABOUT CHICAGO?

About half of all households depend on natural gas for heating, especially in the Midwest where seven in 10 homes use the fuel. People in the Midwest also are expected to benefit from a milder winter, compared to last year, and see natural gas bills 15 percent lower than last year, the agency said.

average \$2.64 a gallon this winter, 2 cents less than last winter, but a significant drop from the average \$3.31 a gallon that consumers paid two winters ago.

The biggest savings will be seen by users of propane where households are expected to save an average of \$280 this winter, a decline of 14 percent. Propane users in the Midwest are expected to save as much as 21 percent compared to last winter because of a combination of lower fuel prices and milder weather, the agency said.

The agency said nearly 58 million households, or 52 percent, use natural gas for heating and another 39 million, or 35 percent, rely on electricity. Nearly 8 million households, or 7 percent, use heating oil and about 6.2 million rely on propane.

Lords of the stache

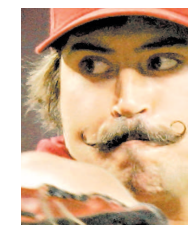
ST. LOUIS Two baseball players and hero pilot Chesley "Sully" Sullenberger are among 18 finalists for the American Mustache Institute's top honors.

The tongue-in-cheek St. Louis-based institute announced the finalists Monday for the "Robert Goulet Memorial Mustached American of the Year."

The winner will be selected through an online vote and announced at the "Stache Bash" on Oct. 30. Proceeds from the event benefit Challenger Baseball, a baseball league for those with disabilities. RedEye asked readers on redeyechicago.com to name that stache. **AP**



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Does 30 rock? I'm about to find out

I've never been one to care much about my birthday.

But here I am, about to turn 30, in the grips of a minor panic.

Every Facebook status update alerting me to a high school classmate getting engaged/married/pregnant—and what a big year it's been for all that!—makes me a bit queasy.

When someone asks me about my "next step" in life, I mumble vague notions about travel before grabbing a paper bag in which to hyperventilate.

Occasionally—and this is embarrassing—I'm consumed with an irrational concern about the health of my eggs.

I swear this is unlike me. I spent my 20s proudly rejecting the trappings of adulthood, figuring there was plenty of time to worry about condos, spouses, babies and pets—if that's even the life I want anyway.

But now suddenly the big question—What *do* you want?—is breathing down my neck. Time feels finite, I feel behind, and there is tremendous self-imposed pressure to **FIGURE IT OUT**.

My therapist says this is normal.

"If I had a nickel for every woman who freaked out before her 30th birthday ..." she said the other day when I confessed my egg angst.

I polled some friends.

My friend Tanya said her pre-30 freak-out question was the existential, "Do I like the person I'm becoming?" She assures me it will pass.

Another friend, Terence, said he wasn't all that anxious going into his 30th birthday last November, in part because he distracted himself by planning a big birthday weekend in Las Vegas and partying like he was 21 (and being hung over like he was 40).

Now, he said, "I do feel a little older and like I need to be an 'adult.'" He got engaged this year, natch.

Others look forward to 30 as a fresh start.

My college roommate Robin, who turns 30 a week after I do, said she's excited for the next chapter as she continues to seek her "authentic role/life/purpose."

"I think the 20s for me was largely about waiting for answers and clarity to come my way," Robin said. "My aim is for my 30s to be about accepting my reality and making choices that are related to it."

My ex Brendan, meanwhile, said he simply "felt fortunate and an enormous sense of accomplishment" to have survived to see his fourth decade of life.

My mom has told me on several occasions that 30 was her favorite age. Married with two kids at the time, she said 30 was when she finally felt like a real adult, confident enough to make big decisions and live with their consequences.

I hope that 30 brings me such magical decision-making powers.

If not, I suppose I can find solace in my dad's advice: "Have it figured out by 40. You have 10 more years, baby." AELEJALDERUIZ@TRIBUNE.COM



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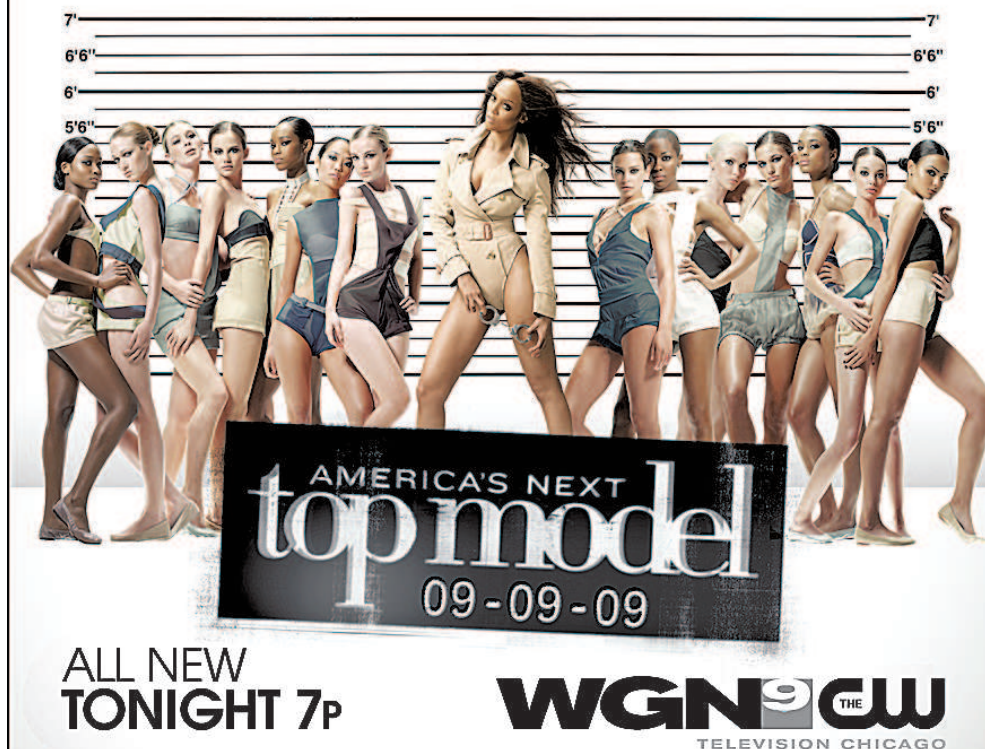
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- **Ingolourious** (R) 1:00, 6:45
- **AMC Select I Hope They** (R) 2:45, 5:30, 8:00, 11:00
- **Zombieland** (R) 1:15, 2:20, 3:30, 4:40, 6:00, 7:00, 8:20, 9:30, 10:45
- **The Informant!** (R) 1:45, 4:30, 7:15, 10:00
- **District 9** (R) 8:10, 10:50
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- **Providence** (PG) 1:30, 4:10, 7:05, 10:10
- **Amreeka** (PG-13) 1:40, 6:30
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- **Zombieland** (R) ★ 12:10, 1:15, 2:30, 3:45, 5:00, 6:05, 7:40, 8:20, 10:00, 10:40
- **Fame** (PG) ★ (Closed caption) 12:50, 3:30, 6:10, 9:10
- **Fame** (PG) ★ 1:30 P.M.
- **Pandorum** (R) ★ 2:20, 5:10, 7:50, 10:30
- **Surrogates** (PG-13) ★ 12:30, 2:10, 3:00, 4:30, 5:30, 6:50, 8:00, 9:20, 10:20
- **Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs 3D** (PG) 12:45, 3:10, 5:20, 7:30, 9:40
- **Cloudy-Mtballs** (PG) 1:50, 4:10, 6:20
- **Jennifer's Body** (R) 3:15, 5:40, 8:10, 10:45
- **I Can Do Bad** (PG-13) 12:20 P.M.
- **9** (PG-13) 12:40, 2:40, 4:50, 7:10, 9:30
- **Ingolourious** (R) 3:20, 6:40, 9:55
- **District 9** (R) 4:40, 7:20, 10:10
- **The Hangover** (R) 8:30, 10:50

DAVIS THEATRE (VALUE)

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- **Fame** (PG) ★ 5:00, 7:15, 9:30
- **Surrogates** (PG-13) ★ 5:30, 7:30, 9:40
- **The Informant!** (R) 5:30, 7:45, 10:00

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- **Halloween II** (R) 1:05, 6:05
- **Invention-Lying** (PG-13) 2:10, 5:00, 7:30, 9:55
- **Zombieland** (R) 1:00, 2:20, 3:20, 4:45, 5:30, 7:00, 7:55, 9:05, 10:10
- **Surrogates** (PG-13) 1:30, 3:45, 5:55, 8:10, 10:15
- **Cloudy-Mtballs** (PG) 1:10, 3:25, 5:40, 7:55, 10:10
- **Jennifer's Body** (R) 1:50, 4:30, 7:10, 9:40
- **9** (PG-13) 1:40, 3:50, 6:00, 8:00, 10:00
- **Final Destinatr** (R) 1:15, 3:30, 5:50, 8:05, 10:10

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- **The Hurt Locker** (R) 2:15, 6:05, 8:30
- **Aliens-Attie** (PG) 2:05, 4:05, 6:10, 8:10
- **Ponyo** (G) 2:10, 4:20, 6:30, 8:40

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- **Big Fan** (R) 5:00, 7:20, 9:40
- **Woman in** (NR) 4:20, 7:00, 9:30

PIPERS ALLEY (AMC)

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- **Disgrace** (NR) 1:45, 4:25, 7:10
- **AMC Select Bright Star** (PG) 2:00, 4:40, 7:30
- **AMC Select It Might** (PG) 5:00 P.M.
- **Julie & Julia** (PG-13) 2:10, 7:20
- **Beautiful** (NR) 3:20, 5:40, 7:45

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- **Love Happens** (PG-13) 1:15, 2:05, 4:50, 7:50, 10:35
- **I Can Do Bad** (PG-13) 1:25, 4:25, 7:20, 10:15
- **Extract** (R) 2:35, 7:50
- **Ingolourious** (R) 1:30, 3:10, 6:45, 10:10
- **Invention-Lying** (PG-13) 1:20, 4:15, 7:15, 10:15
- **AMC Select Capitalism-Lv** (R) 11:00, 12:30, 2:00, 3:45, 5:05, 7:00, 8:15, 10:20
- **Zombieland** (R) 11:45, 12:45, 2:20, 3:20, 5:00, 6:00, 7:40, 8:40, 10:25
- **Whip It** (PG-13) 11:00, 1:50, 4:40, 7:45, 10:45
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- **AMC Select Bright Star** (PG) 1:35, 4:30, 7:20, 10:15
- **The Informant!** (R) 1:40, 4:35, 7:30, 10:30
- **Jennifer's Body** (R) 10:40 P.M.
- **Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs 3D** (PG) ♦ 11:10, 1:45, 4:20, 6:50, 9:30
- **AMC Select Septembr Issue** (PG-13) 11:35, 9:55
- **9** (PG-13) 12:20, 2:40, 5:05, 7:25
- **District 9** (R) 11:45, 5:05, 10:20
- **Julie & Julia** (PG-13) 11:05, 2:10
- **AMC Select 500 Days-Sum** (PG-13) 2:15 P.M.

CROWN VILLAGE 18 (KERASOTES)

7000 Carpenter Rd., Skokie
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- **Toy Story/Toy Story 2 3D** (NR) ★ 2:45, 6:30, 10:15
- **Capitalism-Lv** (R) ★ 12:10, 1:10, 3:10, 4:10, 6:10, 7:10, 9:10, 10:10
- **Invention-Lying** (PG-13) ★ 2:00, 5:00, 7:30, 10:05
- **Whip It** (PG-13) ★ 12:50, 3:50, 6:50, 9:50
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- **Pandorum** (R) ★ 2:15, 4:45, 7:45, 10:20
- **Surrogates** (PG-13) ★ 1:00, 2:10, 3:20, 4:30, 5:30, 7:00, 8:00, 9:20, 10:30
- **Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs 3D** (PG) 12:40, 3:00, 5:20, 7:40, 10:00
- **Cloudy-Mtballs** (PG) 1:20, 3:40, 6:15
- **Jennifer's Body** (R) 4:40, 7:15, 9:55
- **Love Happens** (PG-13) 1:30, 4:00, 6:40, 9:30
- **The Informant!** (R) 1:40, 4:15, 6:45, 9:45
- **I Can Do Bad** (PG-13) 9:15 P.M.
- **9** (PG-13) 12:30, 2:50, 5:15, 8:10, 10:35

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- **Invention-Lying** (PG-13) ★ 2:10, 5:10, 7:40, 10:20
- **Zombieland** (R) ★ 1:15, 3:45, 6:05, 8:20, 10:40
- **Fame** (PG) ★ 12:45, 3:40, 6:40, 9:20
- **I Hope They** (R) ★ 1:00, 4:00, 7:15, 10:15
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- **Extract** (R) 12:30, 3:30
- **Ingolourious** (R) 3:20, 6:50, 10:10

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- **Invention-Lying** (PG-13) ★ 1:30, 4:10, 6:40, 9:15
- **Zombieland** (R) ★ 12:30, 1:15, 2:40, 3:45, 5:00, 6:05, 7:20, 8:20, 9:40, 10:40
- **Fame** (PG) ★ 12:50, 3:50, 6:45, 9:20
- **Pandorum** (R) ★ 1:40, 4:20, 7:10, 9:50
- **Providence** (PG) ★ 2:30, 5:15, 7:45, 10:00
- **Surrogates** (PG-13) ★ 2:20, 4:45, 7:15, 9:30
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- **Zombieland** (R) ★ 12:30, 1:15, 2:40, 3:45, 5:00, 6:05, 7:20, 8:20, 9:40, 10:40
- **Fame** (PG) ★ 12:50, 3:50, 6:45, 9:20
- **Pandorum** (R) ★ 1:40, 4:20, 7:10, 9:50
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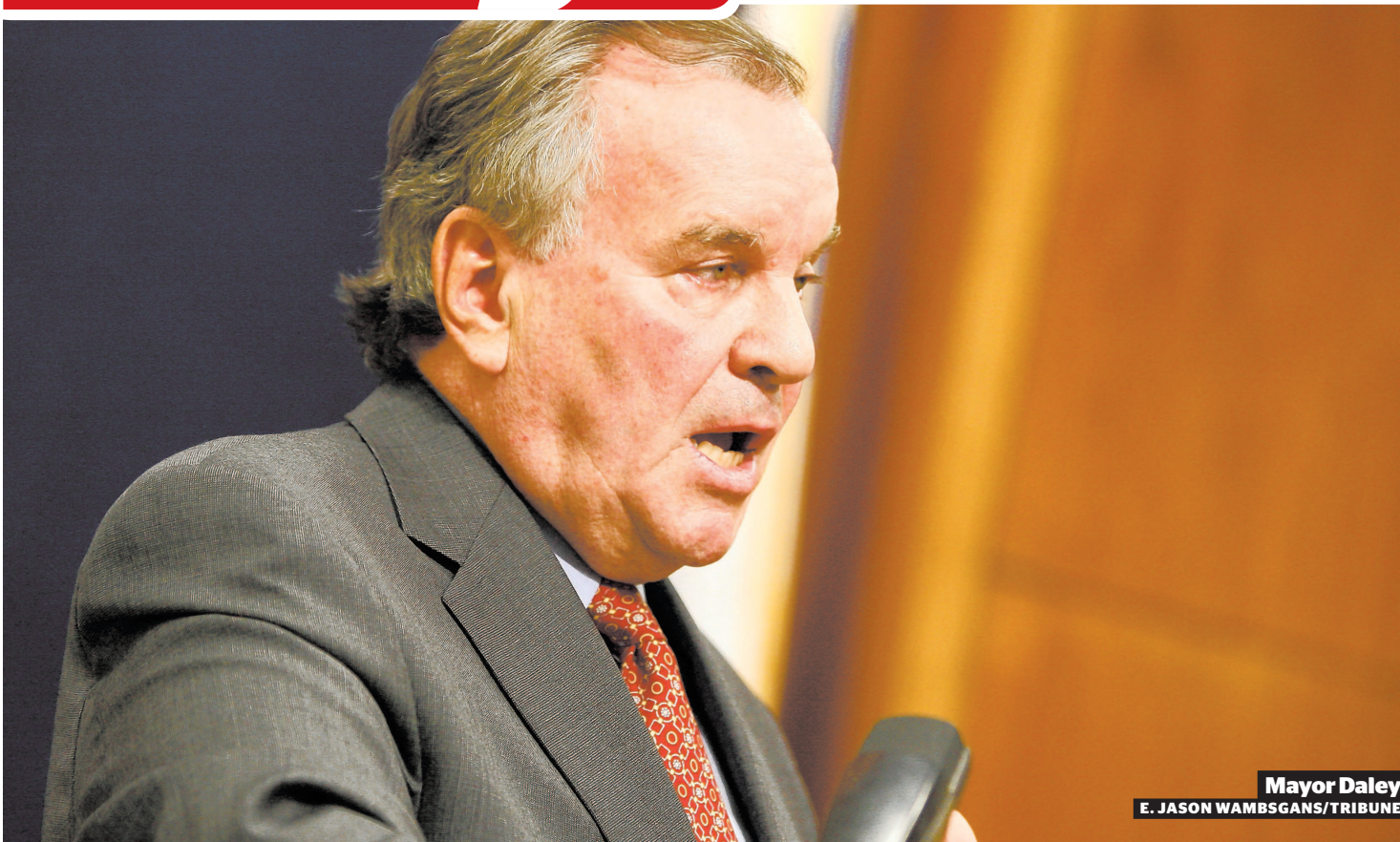
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Quick! Choose: Sex or cell phone

Chicago Tribune

Who needs foreplay when you have a cell phone?

According to a recent online survey of Chicago residents, three out of 10 people said they'd give up sex for a year rather than sacrifice their cell phone, officials said. And although cell phones make talking anywhere easy, a large number of residents spend more time texting, sending pictures and messaging than actually conversing.

The survey was commissioned by Samsung Mobile to evaluate the relationship people have with their mobile phones, said Kim Titus, a spokesman for the company. The study is conducted each year to determine just how much of a priority people give their cell phones.

"It's a lighthearted way to measure how engaged people are with their mobile phones and the many things they can do with them," Titus said. "A couple of years ago we asked about the cell phone versus chocolate. The cell phone won that year too. We thought we'd up the ante and see what the results would be."

To conduct the research, 300 people were e-mailed at random in September and asked about their phone habits. Of the 300, 121 of the respondents were male and 179 were female; 169 of the respondents were married.

When asked explicitly which they'd prefer—sex or to have a cell phone—36 percent of the women and 15 percent of the men interviewed chose the phone.

Thirty percent of those surveyed said they rely on texting more than talking. In fact, the average Chicago cell phone user spends three hours a day chatting or sending text, picture and video messages.

"I think we have created a technology that has created an evolution in the way we communicate," Titus said about text messaging. "It goes back to the popularity of e-mail. You can text somebody, and when they see it they can answer whether you're available or not. You improve efficiency in communication that way."

Unless you chose sex instead of the phone.

STILL STANDING

Daley says bid loss won't hurt his chances

Chicago Tribune

Mayor Daley poked fun Tuesday at any suggestion the city's failed bid to win the 2016 Olympics would hasten his political demise, and his brother William said he expects the mayor to run for a seventh term in 2011.

"Win or lose, the Olympics were never going to determine what Rich Daley was going to do," William Daley, a longtime political adviser to the mayor, said in an interview. "I believe he runs again. I just assume he does. He still has the enthusiasm for the job."

The mayor declined to say whether he would run again during his first City Hall news conference since returning from last week's International Olympic Committee vote in Copenhagen. But he laughed at the notion he was damaged goods because of Chicago's ouster in the first round of voting.

"You wrote my obituary, didn't you?" he told reporters, laughing. Later he added, "I don't

know why you already put me in the grave. ... I know you're all planning it, but don't worry."

The Olympic flop prompted some local political observers to suggest the mayor is increasingly vulnerable to a re-election challenger and would be less enthusiastic to continue in the job he has held for more than 20 years. The rejection came weeks after a Tribune poll showed Daley's approval rating at an all-time low of 35 percent amid an erosion of public support for bringing the games to town.

Adding to the political drama was the embarrassment for President Obama, who was encouraged by Daley to pitch his hometown's bid at the IOC meeting, only to see it fail before he had returned to Washington. On Saturday, the White House said Obama was swayed in part by assurances from Chicago that the vote was close.

Daley said the rejection has not strained his relationship with the president. Asked if he expected to pay any political price for the Olympic loss, the mayor said, "No, none whatsoever."

BAD INTEL?

William Daley, a former U.S. commerce secretary, was part of the local delegation that traveled to Denmark to lobby IOC members. He said Chicago leaders believed they had more than enough votes to survive the first round and enjoyed a "50-50" chance in a head-to-head, final-round showdown with rival Rio de Janeiro.

Instead, Chicago was shocked and Rio went on to win the right to host the 2016 games in the third round of voting after also beating Tokyo and Madrid.

"The conventional wisdom was we were in strong shape to get past the first round," William Daley said. "We were misinformed."

The IOC's rejection, he said, made it no less likely that he would seek another term.

He said he did not yet know why Chicago was the first of four finalists to be cut.

"You have to think this through," the mayor said. "You just don't come up with a quick answer. ... We're going to assess it and look at it."

New 36th Ward alderman

Mayor Daley on Tuesday announced the appointment of John Rice, 41, as the new 36th Ward alderman. He said Rice has a strong reputation for providing services as an aide to retired Ald. William J.P. Banks since 2005. "I've lived in the ward my entire life," Rice said at a City Hall news conference.

Death penalty testimony

After hearing several hours of testimony on Brian Dugan's ghastly crimes against a girl more than 26 years ago, DuPage County jurors on Wednesday are expected to determine whether he is eligible for the death penalty. Dugan pleaded guilty in July in the abduction, rape and murder of 10-year-old Jeanine Nicarico. If jurors say Dugan is eligible for death, they then will decide whether the sentence is appropriate.

Chinatown eatery shuttered

Mayor Daley's Dumpster Task Force on Tuesday closed The Noodle Vietnamese Cuisine, 2336 S. Wentworth Ave., for failing to address an infestation of roaches. On Sept. 28, The Noodle was told the problem needed to be corrected. Inspectors returned Tuesday and closed it, according to a news release from the Department of Streets and Sanitation.

8 hurt in crash

Emergency crews responded Tuesday to 83rd Street and Cottage Grove Avenue after a crash between a No. 4 Cottage Grove CTA bus and a van, sending eight people to area hospitals, a Chicago Fire Department spokesman said. CTA spokeswoman Katelyn Thrall said the southbound No. 4 route was temporarily diverted.



With honors

Although Chicago Police Sgt. Charles Daly (left), and Chicago firefighter Joseph Martinelli (middle) lived across the street from each other growing up, they don't remember meeting. They likely won't forget meeting Tuesday, when they were awarded the two highest honors the city gives to its police and firefighters. Daly, 39, a sergeant in the gang investigations unit, received the Carter H. Harrison medal for saving his partner's life in 2008. Martinelli, a member of a heavy rescue unit, was awarded the Lambert Tree Award for staying with a fire victim during a blaze until a rescue occurred. **JOSE M. OSORIO/TRIBUNE**

Accused says video disputes officer's report

One foot in front of the other, Michael Vaughn looked down as he walked heel to toe in a straight line with his arms at his side as part of a field sobriety test. He held his right foot out for 30 seconds and touched his left finger to his nose, then his right.

He performed these tests without wavering, Vaughn's attorney Jon Erickson said while airing the police surveillance tape inside his Uptown office Tuesday.

Vaughn's sobriety test that he performed in June was captured on a surveillance camera mounted in Chicago police Officer Richard Fiorito's squad car, Erickson said.

In a police report, Fiorito said Vaughn couldn't keep his balance and raised his arms more than 6 inches while walking in a straight line, and that he hopped and swayed while standing on one leg.

Fiorito arrested Vaughn for drunken driving, among other charges, according to a police report. Erickson, who has filed civil rights lawsuits in

federal court against Fiorito on behalf of about two dozen people, released the video Tuesday, saying it strengthens the claim that Fiorito made false DUI arrests and lied on police reports.

Some plaintiffs allege that Fiorito abused them during their arrests and harassed them because they were gay or disabled, court records show. Erickson said Fiorito trumped up DUI charges in a scheme to earn extra overtime pay by appearing as a witness in court.

Dan Gallagher, an attorney who is representing Fiorito, called the allegations "ridiculous."

"When a police officer is driving a car and he sees someone speed by or is swerving, how can you tell if someone's gay or not?" Gallagher asked.

Fiorito could not be reached for comment.

The Independent Police Review Authority has confirmed there is a pending investigation against Fiorito. No criminal charges have been filed against him.

A Chicago police spokesman did not return phone calls for comment.

Star witness makes pleas for Degorski

A month after her testimony helped convict James Degorski for the Brown's Chicken massacre, a longtime friend returned to the witness stand in a bid to save his life at his sentencing hearing.

"I don't believe he could have ever committed a crime so heinous," said Eileen Bakalla, testifying as a defense witness this time. "He was the giver. He was the one who took care of people. He was a lover, not a fighter."

The Cook County jury that convicted Degorski last week in the 1993 murders of seven workers at the Brown's Chicken restaurant in Palatine has one more decision to make: whether he should be sentenced to the death penalty.

His accomplice, Juan Luna, was sentenced to life in prison in 2007.

Bakalla, who kept his confession to the murders secret for more than nine years, said she and Degorski were "inseparable" for years even after the murders and that she still cares deeply for him.

Her affection for Degorski was evident not only in her testimony but also in her attempts to catch his gaze while attorneys conferred at the side of the courtroom.

She wiped tears from her eyes and sniffled, craning her neck to look at Degorski. He appeared to avoid her.

Bakalla testified that Degorski was wracked with guilt when he confessed to her as they drove past the restaurant just hours after the murders.

"He had tears in his eyes," she said.

"He said he couldn't believe something like that had happened. I can't even explain to you the pity he felt on his face about what had happened that night and what he'd gotten forced into."

Moments earlier, Bakalla had tried to blame Luna for the murders, but jurors never heard that.

Prosecutors had objected as she began to testify about her view of Degorski and his involvement in the murders. Circuit Judge Vincent Gaughan ordered the jurors to leave the courtroom while attorneys argued about whether she should be allowed to give her opinion.

Outside the jury's presence, Bakalla told the judge she believed Degorski was forced to commit the murders by Luna. "He would not have taken anybody's life," she told the judge. "If anything, he would have tried to stop it. But if somebody holds a gun and says shoot someone, what do you do?"

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U.S. troops kill 40 militants



New Zealand hit by snow

1 A freak snowstorm and bad weather, which is highly irregular at this time of year, has left hundreds of people stranded and unable to return to their homes in New Zealand's central North Island. **AP PHOTO**

Abuse videos debate

2 The Supreme Court on Tuesday indicated that Congress had gone too far afield in its attempt to prohibit depictions of animal cruelty, in an animated free speech argument that touched on bullfighting, cockfighting, dogfighting—and even a hypothetical “human sacrifice channel.”

Worst since 9-11?

3 Atty. Gen. Eric Holder says the alleged terror plot disrupted in New York was one of the most serious in the U.S. since the 2001 terror attacks. Holder said Tuesday that prosecutors will bring all those involved in the plot to justice.

Flu vaccine details

Health officials say all the initial swine flu vaccine doses this week will be the nasal spray version, but next week arm injections will begin. About 2.2 million doses of nasal spray are available so far, but the spray is not recommended for some of the people who are most in danger of complications from flu.

Mom reunited

4 A mother in Tennessee will be reunited with her newborn son after losing him twice, first to a kidnapper and then to state custody after someone claimed a family member had tried to sell him. Infant Yair Anthony Carillo is no longer in state custody, and authorities don't believe parents Maria Gurrola and Jose Carillo were involved in the abduction.

Aid for Philippines

5 The UN is appealing for \$74 million to aid flood victims in the Philippines. UN spokeswoman Elisabeth Byrs says the money is needed to help 1 million people severely affected by the flooding resulting from Tropical Storm Ketsana.

Cuts at British Airways

6 British Airways PLC is shedding 1,000 jobs, putting 3,000 more employees on part-time work and reducing the size of cabin crews at Heathrow in an effort to get the troubled airline's finances back in order, a spokesman said Tuesday.

7 **KABUL, Afghanistan** American and Afghan troops swept through forested mountains in eastern Afghanistan on Tuesday, killing 40 militant fighters in a hunt for insurgents responsible for one of the deadliest attacks of the war on U.S. troops, the Defense Ministry said.

Ten Afghan soldiers also were killed during the operations since Monday, most of them in Nuristan province's Kamdesh district, ministry spokesman Gen. Mohammad Zahir Azimi said.

The violence was part of a spate of attacks across the nation, including a roadside bomb strike on a NATO convoy in Sayed Abad district west of Kabul that wounded two foreign

WHITE HOUSE STANCE

The Obama administration is struggling to spell out a strategy to quell the conflict, including whether it should escalate it by deploying as many as 40,000 additional troops. The U.S. currently has a 65,000-strong force in Afghanistan.

soldiers, said Capt. Elizabeth Mathias, an American media officer for NATO forces.

The country is nearing a resolution to August's intensely disputed presidential vote. Election workers began recounting suspect ballots Monday, and a ruling on whether President Hamid Karzai won or will face a runoff is likely next week.



8 A Moscow court on Tuesday ruled against two lesbians seeking to become Russia's first legally married gay couple. Irina Fedotova-Fet (right) and Irina Shipitko said the Tverskoi District Court upheld a decision by the city's civil registry that said Russian law defined marriage as between a woman and a man. **AP**

Remote Kamdesh, cut off from the rest of the region with no regular phone or radio contact and few roads, is where eight Americans and two Afghan security troopers died Saturday after hundreds of Taliban militants overwhelmed their thinly manned garrisons.

Azimi said joint operations were continuing Tuesday in Kamdesh, and seven insurgents had been arrested there.

Mathias, however, said there had “not been any significant engagement” in Kamdesh since Saturday. She said U.S. and Afghan forces were still in the remote area and had not pulled out. Mathias had no details on how insurgents carried out the attack or were able to inflict such heavy casualties.

Cable, digital camera pioneers honored

9 **STOCKHOLM** Three Americans whose 1960s research laid the foundation for today's world of computerized images and lightning-fast communication shared the 2009 Nobel Prize in physics Tuesday for their work developing fiber-optic cable and the sensor at the heart of digital cameras.

Charles K. Kao, 75, was cited for discovering how to transmit light signals over long distances through glass fibers as thin as a human hair. His 1966 breakthrough led to the creation of modern fiber-optic communication networks that carry voice, video and high-speed Internet data around the world.

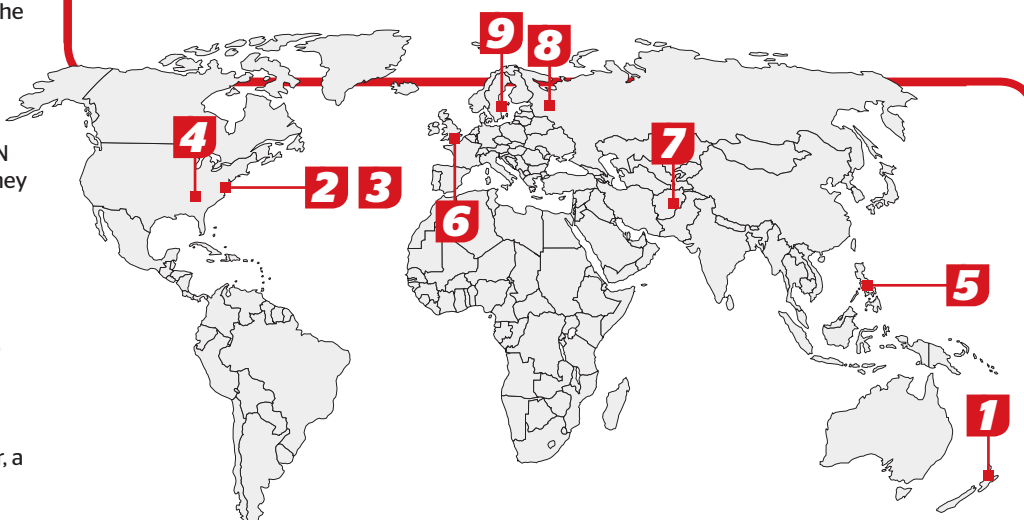
“What the wheel did for transport, the optical fiber did for telecommunications,” said Richard Epworth, who worked with Kao at Standard Telecommunications Laboratories in Harlow, England, in the 1960s. “Optical fiber enables you to transmit information with little energy over long distances and to transmit information at very high rates.”

Willard S. Boyle, 85, and George E. Smith, 79, were honored for inventing the eye of the digital camera, a sensor able to transform light into a large number of pixels, the tiny points of color that are the building blocks of every digital image.

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Even without a Chicago presence, baseball's playoffs should be a hit



By Whizzer

Chicago baseball fans, it pains me to do this. The baseball playoffs are here, and in case you didn't notice, no Chicago team is playing. The Cubs and White Sox actually stopped playing about two months ago, but that's another story. What should we expect besides painful mentions of the Cubs' 101-year World Series drought? Well, I peered into my crystal ball, and here's what I see happening in the baseball playoffs.

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NL DIVISIONAL SERIES

Philadelphia vs. Colorado



The Phillies might be the defending champs, and they might have the coolest mascot in all of sports (Phillie Phanatic, whatever you are, take a bow), but the Rockies have momentum. As long as Colorado keeps former Sox pitcher Jose Contreras far away, this'll be a big win for the Rockies, who swept the Phillies in the 2007 NLDS.

Whizzer's prediction: Colorado wins series, 3-2.

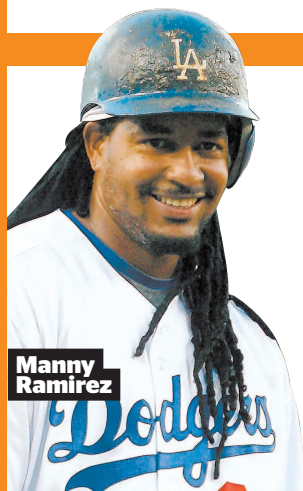
L.A. Dodgers vs. St. Louis



You can relax Cubs fans. The Cards and your favorite former player Mark DeRosa aren't going anywhere.

The Dodgers and Manny Ramirez will overwhelm St. Louis, much like they did the Cubs last season. Yes, I still remember. Unfortunately.

Whizzer's prediction: L.A. Dodgers win series, 3-1.



Manny Ramirez

NL CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES L.A. Dodgers vs. Colorado



Remember Rafael Furcal, Cubs fans? Remember Juan Pierre? Well, the Dodgers are doing just fine with them. The L.A. story continues as the Dodgers crush the Rockies to reach the World Series. Bonus for male fans everywhere: The Dodgers are Alyssa Milano's fave, and she's a season ticket-holder.

Whizzer's prediction: L.A. Dodgers win series, 4-2.

AL DIVISIONAL SERIES

Minnesota vs. N.Y. Yankees



This one just isn't fair—or close.

The Twins just played an extra-inning tiebreaker on Tuesday. The Yankees have been relaxing with the cast of "Sex in the City." Or not. In any case, Alex Rodriguez and Co. breeze through this without so much as a minor scare.

Whizzer's prediction: N.Y. Yankees win series, 3-0.

L.A. Angels vs. Boston



Cubs and Sox fans, you might want to keep an eye on the Angels' Chone Figgins. Rumor is that both teams are interested in signing him. You'll have to watch quickly, though, because the Angles won't last long.

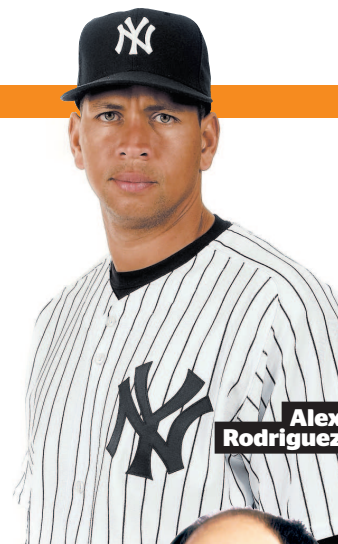
Whizzer's prediction: Boston wins series, 3-0.

AL CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES N.Y. Yankees vs. Boston



You knew this was coming. The East Coast baseball titans in an all-out war for the World Series. But not even Ben Affleck and Jonathan Papelbon's crazy antics could help the Red Sox in this fight. The Yanks are loaded in all phases of the game, but the Sox pitchers will keep it close.

Whizzer's prediction: N.Y. Yankees win series, 4-3.



Alex Rodriguez



WORLD SERIES N.Y. Yankees vs. L.A. Dodgers

Two storied franchises. Two coasts. One series to decide the champ. Sorry, I was channeling my inner Joe Buck there. Still, you'll hear a lot about the history of the game when these two teams collide. It's a perfect script for baseball, and the Yankees pull it out in a tight one. Is it any coincidence the "Seinfeld" crew, featuring Yankees employee George Costanza (right), is doing a reunion of sorts on "Curb Your Enthusiasm"? **Whizzer's prediction:** N.Y. Yankees win series, 4-3.



Cubs sale OK'd

Major League Baseball owners have unanimously approved the sale of the Chicago Cubs from Tribune Co. to the Ricketts family.

The vote was made during a conference call Tuesday. Tom Ricketts, who has headed the sale for his family, could take day-to-day control of the Cubs by the end of the month.

Commissioner Bud Selig says the Ricketts family will be "great owners and custodians of the Chicago Cubs."

Sox keep Garcia, Thornton

The White Sox have exercised club options for 2010 on right-hander Freddy Garcia and left-hander Matt Thornton.

Garcia will have a base salary of \$1 million next season and Thornton \$2.25 million.

Garcia was 3-4 with a 4.34 ERA in nine starts after signing a minor-league contract June 8. He was a key member of the 2005 rotation when the Sox won the World Series. He will be a candidate for the fifth starter's role next spring.

Thornton, a key setup man, was 6-3 with a 2.74 ERA and four saves this season. He had 87 strikeouts in 70 appearances.

Thornton has compiled a 21-19 record with a 3.71 ERA in six major-league seasons, all but one of his 349 games in relief.

Good bye?

Jen Patterson is on CSN's "Monsters in the Morning" 6-9 a.m. weekdays. Julie DiCaro is online 24-7 at chicagonow.com/blogs/league-of-her-own.



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1 When is a bye week a bad thing?	When you have no excuse to plant yourself on the couch for most of Sunday afternoon.	When the Gators are off and I can only see Tebow when I close my eyes.	If we're left having to watch the pitiful Rams on Sunday instead of the Bears.	When Da Bear is 3-1 and ready to knock everyone down in their way.	When it's October and by the time you next take the field it might be 30 degrees and snowing.
2 What could the Bears learn from the Green Bay-Minnesota game?	Sadly, that Favre isn't limping toward retirement like we'd all hoped. He's still got it.	Respect your elders, even Lovie. Don't poke the Bears, don't pee on a geezer.	Sometimes quarterbacks age better than cheeseheads.	If Ditka were coaching, we could play both teams at the same time.	Brett is Favre from over.
3 What did the Bulls gain from their London trip?	An appreciation for socialized health care and the public option.	I shudder to think what the Bulls gained from a broad.	Their afternoon practices will now be briefly interrupted for tea time.	Luol Deng showing the team where his doctor's office is.	A new appreciation for oral hygiene.
4 Next up for the Bulls: Two games with the Bucks and Scott Skiles. Thoughts?	Scott who?	I Wikipediaed Skiles and thought, "Well this certainly looks like a lot of words."	Considering Milwaukee's lineup, the Buck stops here.	Skiles is still coaching?	Preseason basketball couldn't be less relevant.
5 How will you bid farewell to the Metrodome as a baseball facility?	By reminding Minnesota fans of the swastika on the roof every chance I get.	Sorry, no potty mouth here. The Dome is beyond trashing.	By reading baseball limericks: There once was a baseball player named Puckett ..."	Wave goodbye with my foam finger.	For one day, this bear won't use the woods as a bathroom.

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Serena Williams reclaimed her No. 1 ranking Tuesday with a 6-3, 6-2 victory over Ekaterina Makarova of Russia in the second round of the China Open. AP PHOTO

Bulls 102, Utah 101

James Johnson sank a fade-away jump shot from the baseline at the buzzer Tuesday to give the Bulls a 102-101 win over the Utah Jazz in an NBA preseason game.



Limbaugh

Rams, owners of the NFL's longest losing streak at 14 and just 5-31 since 2007.

- » Lance Armstrong to be the spokesman for Michelob Ultra.
- » Florida quarterback Tim Tebow returns to practice.

Conservative talk radio host Rush Limbaugh said Tuesday he is teaming up with St. Louis Blues owner Dave Checketts in a bid to buy the



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LOCKS OF THE WEEK

» **Donovan McNabb, quarterback, vs. Tampa Bay:** Hey Donovan, as a welcome-back present, we're giving you the 0-4 Bucs. Enjoy.

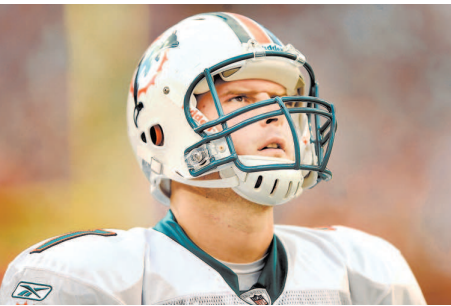
» **Adrian Peterson, running back, vs. St. Louis:** Really, I'm not sure this matchup should even be allowed by law.

» **Reggie Wayne, wide receiver, vs. Tennessee:** Tennessee's once vaunted D is now last in passing yards allowed.

Rosters drawn and quartered

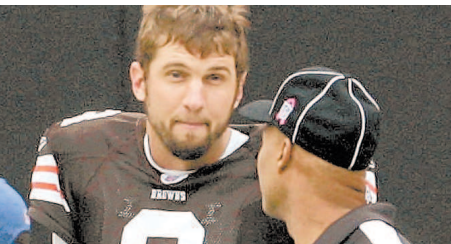
If we've learned anything so far in this young NFL season, it's how tenuous the quarterback position is. Air today, gone tomorrow. Through four weeks, we've seen QBs benched out of ineptness (Brady Quinn, Byron Leftwich), knocked out with broken ribs (Donovan McNabb, Matt Hasselbeck) or put on the shelf with shoulder ailments (Chad Pennington, Marc Bulger). Let's take a look at the fantasy impact.

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Chad Henne, Miami

The Dolphins may be going from one Chad to another, but in the short term, this move means little considering Miami is a run-first team. He might be a decent bye-week option though. MCT PHOTO



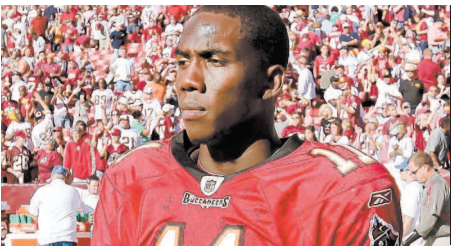
Derek Anderson, Cleveland

Sure, he's a slightly better option than Brady, but Mike Huckabee was a better option than Sarah Palin. It doesn't mean we'd want either running our team or country. MCT PHOTO



Seneca Wallace, Seattle

If Hasselbeck isn't back in Week 5, Wallace could be a bye-week starter for you. He's not good for the Seahawks in real life, but in fantasy who cares? Wallace has the potential to toss a couple meaningless TD passes.



Josh Johnson, Tampa Bay

After rushing for 41 yards Sunday, he resembled a young Michael Vick. You're not going to want to pick him for fantasy, however, until he resembles a young Tom Brady. AP PHOTO

Marc Bulger, St. Louis

No. Just no.



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Now that the Cubs have been officially sold, how will the Sun-Times find a way to bash the Tribune every day during the summer? Here now, my TV picks.



**WNBA FINALS
Phoenix at Indiana**

6:45 p.m. ESPN2

The Fever can claim the title with a win. Sure, but can they avoid swine flu?

**MMA
Ultimate Fighter:
Heavyweights**

9 p.m. Spike

Team Rashad has a leak—of important info, people. Get your minds out of the gutter.

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**2009
best
bartender
winner**

Going platinum

Meet your 2009 Best Bartender: Gregory Williams

By Lisa Arnett

After a record-breaking number of votes cast in this year's Best Bartender contest, we are pleased to present our 2009 winner: Gregory Williams of **Simone's Bar**, 960 W. 18th St.

This laid-back bartender from the Bahamas has lived everywhere from Miami to Michigan, and his expansive social network was perhaps the key to taking the title. Though he start-

ed out in last place in the Final Four round, he sped into the lead thanks to friends and family rallying not only in Chicago but around the world—from Japan to London.

When he's not at Simone's, Williams works at African restaurant Iyanze (and soon-to-reopen sibling spot Bolat) and manages his own fledgling clothing line, Iridium (check out thinknscience.com). We chatted with him on everything from the big win to the significance of his nickname Platinum, which he got while working as a VIP concierge for celebrities at a resort in his native Bahamas.

How have your coworkers taken to your newfound fame?

One of the guys [at Simone's] gave me a nickname, "Best in show." Everyone had a lot of jokes and everyone was clowning ... but they told me, "I voted for you and told all my friends to vote for you." It was a team effort.

Your nickname, Platinum, is everywhere, from your e-mail address to your Twitter account. What's the story?

Platinum is considered to be the best and most precious metal in the world. I just try to live a platinum life and have a platinum attitude, being the best at everything I do. ... With my clothing line, I want to be the best. With bartending, I want to be the best.

Most of your fellow finalists have never been to Simone's. What would you say to readers who haven't been there yet?

I would say it's a sight to see. A lot of work was put into making that place by incredible designers whose ideas are just out of this world.

We were surprised to hear that your first job here in Chicago was working for T.G.I. Friday's.

It was like, corny. I think that's one of the reasons why I left that job; it just became really corny to me, and it was really corporate,

and I'm not a corporate guy. ... When I lived in Miami, I had three jobs to save up for college [and that was one of them]. They transferred me, so it was at least cool to move here and have a job.

You're a fashionable guy with your own clothing line. They say a lady shouldn't match her handbag to her shoes. Should you avoid matching your drink to your outfit?

If you're dressed up really fancy, you're going to want a nice fancy martini. If you're just hanging with the boys, it's, "Yeah, give me a Miller Lite!" I think people do kind of try to match. You think about what you're putting in your hand.

How do you plan to use your title for the greater good of Chicago?

I'm going to hold the title and make all the previous winners proud. I'm going to take it to another level! Bolat is reopening, I think, in about two weeks. I'm going to be helping create a drink list there.

Can you give us a preview?

I can't tell right now because it's not finished yet, but it's going to be a lot of refreshing tropical stuff.

Visit Gregory at Simone's on Tuesdays, Saturdays and Sundays.

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Where are they now?

STATUS UPDATES FROM OUR PAST BEST BARTENDER WINNERS

Chad Johnson ('04) is ... working at Cans and prepping for his annual Pumpkin Carving Party on Oct. 28.

Stephanie Rabiola ('05) is ... working on a cocktail recipe book, a documentary called "Quit Your Day Job" and tending at Excalibur on weekends.

Johnny "Cocktail" Vithoulkas ('06) is ... still selling the heck out

of his winning cappuccino shot at Spybar and working Mondays at Green Dolphin Street.

Ann Regan ('07) is ... taking a break from bartending at Blarney Stone to take care of her daughter Addison, born in January.

Dani Hoyler ('08) is ... catching her breath after a busy Cubs season bartending at Sheffield's.

best bets

By Rebecca Palmore
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Pumpkin-carving party

wed 7
Silver Cloud,
1700 N. Damen Ave.
773-489-6212.

Show off your knife skills on a pumpkin at 9 p.m. At 10:30 p.m., gourds are scored, and the winner gets a \$50 bar tab. \$5 per pumpkin; tools provided.

Cocktails for a Cure

Townhouse, 111 S. Wacker Drive.
312-948-8240

Dig into appetizers and an open bar at this launch party for an October dining campaign for cancer support group Network of Strength (formerly Y-ME). 5:30 p.m. \$10 suggested donation.

Unveiled

thu 8
Lumen, 839 W. Fulton Market. 312-733-2222

Renew your excitement about bridal wear as Jenny Yoo offers a peek at her 2010 collection. Includes a champagne reception and appetizers. 6 p.m. No cover. RSVP required: info@lumen-chicago.com

Opening night party

AMC River East 21, 322 E. Illinois St.

She twisted to perfection in "Pulp Fiction," now Uma Thurman walks the red carpet and receives an award at the 45th annual Chicago International Film Festival in support of her new film, "Motherhood." 6 p.m. \$25. 312-683-0121.

Second Fridays

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Halsted and 18th Streets,
312-738-8000 ext. 108.

FREE See what's new in Pilsen as about 30 galleries in the neighborhood host opening receptions, including **Logsdon 1909** (1909 S. Halsted St.) and **within(Reason) Gallery** (1932 S. Halsted St.). 6 p.m.

Night of a Thousand Noogies

Park West, 322 W. Armitage Ave.

Support Gilda's Club Chicago when Second City cast members and local personalities perform musical comedy and improv. Includes beer and wine. 7 p.m. \$75-\$125. 312-464-9900 ext. 34.

DEALS AND EVENTS THROUGH SUNDAY

BISTRO MARGOT

4-6 p.m. Wed.-Thu.: \$19.95 three-course dinner; Wed.: \$26.95 three-course dinner; 4 p.m. Thu.-Fri., 3 p.m. Sat.-Sun.: 10 Year Anniversary Week. Celebrate with daily \$10 entree specials, plus \$10 glasses of champagne and select half-bottles of wine; Sun.: \$6 select cocktails and martinis; 1437 N. Wells St. 312-587-3660.

BROADWAY CELLARS

Wed.: \$5 martinis and mojitos, "Top Chef" viewing party; Sat.: \$5 martinis and mojitos; Sat.-Sun.: \$10 bottomless bloody marys and mimosas; 5900 N. Broadway. 773-944-1208.

ENOTECA PIATTINI

Wed.: Half-price glasses of wine; Thu.: \$50 prix-fixe dinner for two. Includes appetizer, entree and dessert for each person and a bottle of wine to share; 4 p.m. Sun.: Buy one

entree, get one free; 934 W. Webster Ave. 773-935-8466.

FRASCA

Wed.: Two-for-one pizzas; Thu.: \$6 Stoli martinis; Sun.: \$3 draft beers; 3358 N. Paulina St. 773-248-5222.

FRIENDSHIP RESTAURANT

Wed.-Sun.: \$24.95 five-course Chilean sea bass dinner. Includes soup, starter, side, entree and dessert. Call ahead 24 hours to reserve; 2830 N. Milwaukee Ave. 773-227-0970.

LA MADIA

Wed.-Sun.: \$15 three-course lunch (11:15 a.m.-3:30 p.m.), \$5 select glasses of wine; 9-11:15 p.m. Wed.-Thu.: \$30 prix-fixe dinner. Includes salad, pizza and a glass of wine or beer; 7 p.m. Wed.: Chef's Table. Watch chef/owner Jonathan Fox and his staff prepare pizza and other specials, then



Quartino
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sample their fare with a special selection of wines. Menu includes butternut squash ravioli and pumpkin gelato. \$35. RSVP required; 59 W. Grand Ave. 312-329-0400.

LA TACHE

Wed.: Half-price martinis; Thu.: \$10 burger with a beer, half-price bottles of wine; Fri.: \$16.95 all-you-can-eat fish fry with

frites; Sat.: \$25.95-\$29.95 all-you-can-eat New England crab boil; 1475 W. Balmoral Ave. 773-334-7168.

LAS TABLAS

Wed.: Half-price pitchers and glasses of sangria, no corkage fee; Thu.: \$5 mojitos; 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Sun.: \$10.95 all-you-can-eat Columbian brunch buffet; 2942 N. Lincoln Ave. 773-871-2414.

OSTERIA VIA STATO

2:30-4:30 p.m. Wed.-Fri.: Half-price pizzas; 5-9:30 p.m. Sun.: Sip and savor Sunday. \$24.95 and \$38.95 prix-fixe family-style menus. BYOB; Sun.: No corkage fee for BYOB. Limit two bottles per table; 620 N. State St. 312-642-8450.

QUARTINO

Wed.-Sun.: \$20 lunch-for-two (11:30 a.m.-3

p.m.), \$4 quartinos of house red or white wine; 1 p.m. Sun.: Pasta Demonstration and Tasting. Try samples from executive chef John Coletta's new cookbook, "250 True Italian Pasta Dishes." Includes book signing. \$15. RSVP required; 626 N. State St. 312-698-5000.

RED LIGHT

Wed.-Thu., Sun.: \$20.09 three-course dinner. Dinner includes appetizer, choice between two entrees, and seasonal dessert; 5 p.m. Wed.-Sun.: \$10 chocolate bag and Godiva white chocolate shake. The pairing celebrates the 25th anniversary of chef Jackie Shen's dessert and the sale of 250,000 bags. Buy bag number 250,000 and win dinner for four with wine and a private dessert-cooking class with Shen; 820 W. Randolph St. 312-733-8880.

METROMIX PICK

Andersonville Dessert Crawl

Neighborhood restaurants and shops serve up sweet samples at a pair of self-guided walking-and-eating tours, each featuring more than a dozen stops. The Sugar Route includes treats from Ann Sather, George's Ice Cream and Sweets, La Cocina de Frida and more; the Spice Route features tastes from Middle Eastern Bakery and the Coffee Studio, among others. \$25-\$30 (one route); \$40-\$55 (both routes). 2-5 p.m. Sunday. Passport pickup and day-of ticket sales (if available) at the Swedish American Museum, 5211 N. Clark St. Tickets: brownpapertickets.com. More info: 773-728-7552.

THE RITZ-CARLTON CAFE

11 a.m. Sat.: Pre-Marathon Pasta Dinner. Load up on carbs before the Chicago Marathon (7:30 a.m. Sunday, Grant Park) with pasta specials. Options include fettuccine with little-neck clams and rock shrimp (\$17), and garganelli with tomatoes and lemon ricotta (\$16); 160 E. Pearson St. 312-573-5160.

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Noon-7 p.m. Wed.-Sat.: Half-price select maki. Dine-in only; Thu.: Half-price martinis; 1178 N. Milwaukee Ave. 773-292-5885.

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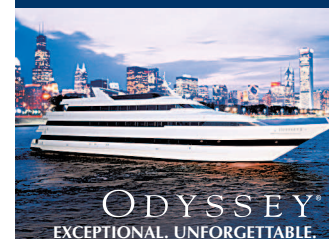
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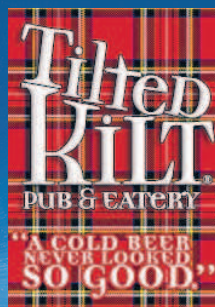


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Crowd pleasers

There was a whole lot of shaking going on at the **Metromix Best Bartender Bash** on Sept. 30 at **District Bar** (170 W. Ontario St.). Selected by a reader vote, four dynamic bartenders—Tony Potempa from Roof (bottom right), Gregory Williams from Simone's (left), Sarah Busen of Tiny Lounge and Gabe Yonke of Casey Moran's (both top right)—showed off their skills behind the bar and served samples of their signature drinks. Partiers voted by text for their fave drink of the night (Potempa's blueberry mojito came in first) and kept voting online at **metromix.com** to name this year's Best Bartender. Turn to Page 17 to find out who took the title.



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Shiny, happy punks

Riot Fest founder Mike Petryshyn on why his bash is one big 'hugfest'

By Matt Pais

When Mike Petryshyn launched Riot Fest in 2005, only two of the bands he really wanted to play agreed to do so. For the fifth annual punk festival, which features groups like Butthole Surfers, Dead Milkmen, Murder City Devils and Screeching Weasel, Petryshyn got a "yes" from everybody he went after.

"It was weird," he says. "It makes you kinda step back and be like, 'Wow, guess I'm doing something that's somewhat significant.'"

You could say that. Over the years Petryshyn, 31, has turned Riot Fest into a major punk tradition in Chicago, collecting loads of influential and up-and-coming bands both local and national, while hosting reunion shows for major acts like Naked Raygun and Bad Brains. The organizer, who started the festival while working on a philosophy PhD at DePaul and working full time at a law firm, expects 16,000 people at this year's event, which also includes a bowling tournament (10:30 p.m. Fri.-Sat.; register at riotfest.org) at once-legendary punk haven Fireside Bowl. Petryshyn also plans to launch Riot Fest West next year in L.A. (plans to do it this year were scrapped for health reasons).

But forget the west; he couldn't possibly think of a more punk scene than Chicago's.

"Chicago-style punk rock is so much different than everybody else's," says Petryshyn, who also runs Riot Fest Records and manages Naked



Mike Petryshyn

Raygun, from the Riot Fest offices in Ukrainian Village. "It sounds different. It's a lot more intelligent. It has way better melodies, and it's just not solely about being aggressive. There's a message or a purpose behind it."

If someone has never been to Riot Fest and has no tattoos or piercings, should they get some before going to the fest?

No, absolutely not. [Laughs] Because we're a punk festival, obviously all the stereotypes come along, with Mohawks and chains and all that stuff. And some of the younger kids do that: It's kind of your entrance into punk rock—that they're going to wear a "punk's not dead" shirt or something like that. To me, that's kinda stupid. They'll grow out of it eventually. Our big thing with the bands that are playing is we're not really representing any

of that. We never really have.

What's the craziest thing you've seen at Riot Fest?

I don't know, man. Everything's pretty chill. It's pretty chillaxed at Riot Fest, even though it's pret-

ty aggressive music. I'm telling you, man: Nothing really that crazy. The bands are just as excited to see every other band play. It's a big hugfest. ... There's no one-upmanship or "I'm going to outplay this band" or anything like that. Everybody loads in everybody's gear together. It's a big, communal thing.

If you ask people to name something they assume happens at a major punk festival, hugging wouldn't be one of them.

No! Seventy percent of our crowd comes from out of town. They come from everywhere from major cities like Los Angeles, New York and Boston to the smallest cities in Iowa. On the fan level, it's once a year when they get to be with thousands of other people who are just like them.

Sounds like the stereotypes people may have aren't true.

Not even close. Most of these bands are highly, highly intelligent. Take for instance Naked Raygun. Jeff Pezzati has his degree in engineering, owns a company that deals with mechanical drawing. Daryl from the Bollweevils is a doctor. Dan Yemin with Paint it Black, [who played] last year, is a psychologist. These are not dumb bands. The stereo-

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NEW RELEASES BY MATT PAIS

**Hockey****Hockey**

!!!! **"Mind Chaos"**
(Capitol Records)

The buzz: These crazily buzzed-about Portland dance-rockers have played Bonnaroo and Lollapalooza before even releasing a full-length album. It's not hard to hear why people are so

psyched for "Mind Chaos"; single "Too Fake" is sultry and irresistible, and singer Ben Grubin has the voice, the versatile delivery and the stage presence of a star.

The verdict: The most fun new band since Friendly Fires (and, yes, that statement considers Passion Pit), Hockey cranks out the sort of dizzyingly danceable rock that gets you moving one minute, and an hour later you're tired and sweaty and can barely remember how it happened. It's part-retro, part-disco and all outrageously catchy, from the piano-laced workout "Preacher" to the hip-thrusting "Learn to Lose," which should have audiences elbowing for dancing space near the stage. (The impressive "Four Holy Photos" and "Everyone's the Same Age" show the band can nail ballads too.) Who cares if half of the songs have the same galloping bassline? Shut up and ride it.

DID YOU KNOW?

The band may sound like New York hipsters, but their roots are all over the West Coast. Ben Grubin and bassist Jerm Reynolds met at the University of Redlands in southern California, recruited guitarist Brian White and drummer Anthony Stassi in Spokane, Washington, and later moved to Portland, Ore., for the more robust music scene.

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types that exist in punk rock are all physical appearance stuff, like Mohawks. Seriously, when's the last time you saw a dude walking around with a Mohawk? It's not like it was in the '80s or '90s. Most punk rockers have beards and bellies.

If it's such a happy, calm festival, why Riot Fest? Why not Hug Fest?

It sounds stupid, but I wanted a name that everybody would remember and people who get it would laugh about it. People always associate punk with riots, and it's the furthest from the truth. It's kind of a tongue-in-cheek thing.

How many riots have there been over the years at Riot Fest?

Zero. [Laughs] I don't think there ever will be. Knock on wood.

The photo running with this story makes you look like an evil musical genius. How are your plans for world domination going?

[Laughs] We're 3 percent of the way there. I gotta get through Riot Fest this year, and I'll

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be at 5 percent. But after that I'm probably gonna invade Poland or something.

And that will bring you up to 100?

I think that's gonna be like 35. But then after Poland maybe I'll stake claims on Brazil or something.

When will your mission be finished?

Give it a couple more years ...when people in Antarctica are "whoa-whoa-whoa" to Naked Raygun, then I'm done.

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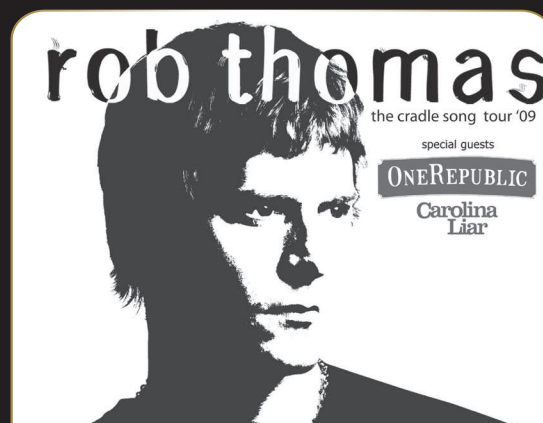
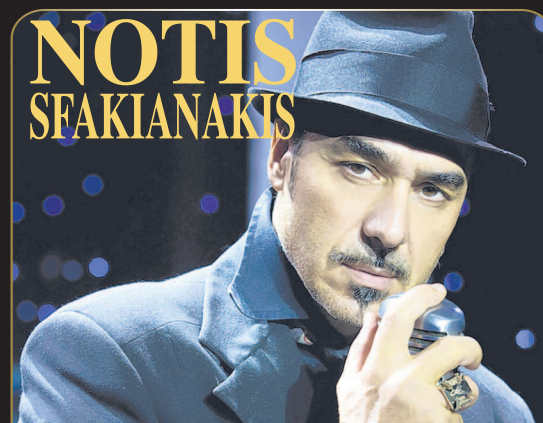
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'Frankenstein,'
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and 'Carpenters' Halloween'

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By Rebecca Palmore

Murder. Gore. Knife-wielding puppets that can carry a tune. Yep, sounds like Halloween, Chicago-style. This year, fresh blood mingles with theatrical revivals to inspire chills, laughter and the heebie-jeebies. Find more Halloween plays and parties online at metromix.com

Carpenters' Halloween

Local cabaret duo Scott Bradley and Jonny Stax (aka The Scooty & JoJo Show) revives their murderous, musical tribute to the 1978 John Carpenter slasher flick, "Halloween," for the third year running. Bradley, who leads the eight-member cast backed by a three-piece band, calls his "hysterical horror" a "love letter to the Carpenters." Oct. 14- Nov. 7. \$15-\$20. Mary's Attic, 5400 N. Clark St. 800-838-3006. Tickets: scootyjojo.com

Frankenstein

Mary Shelley's classic horror story just won't quit. In the Hypocrites' production, company founder and artistic director Sean Graney cobbles a theatrical Frankenstein inspired by Shelley's novel and other works. Fused with clips from the 1931 film starring Boris Karloff, the multisensory result puts audience members on stage with the action. Oct. 21- Nov. 1. \$10-\$25. Museum of Contemporary Art, 220 E. Chicago Ave. 312-280-2660. Tickets: mcchicago.org

Hey! Mr. Spaceman!

Halloween gets a sci-fi injection in this humorous, rock 'n' roll thriller by Strange Tree Group resident playwright and artistic director Emily Schwartz. Set in a small-town, '50s drive-in, a robot boy inadvertently causes teen panic when he flees Martians and lands among the locals. Inspired by movies like "Teenagers from Outer Space" and "Flash Gordon," the show is infused with aerial artists from the Aloft Loft and live music by The Hep Band. Thursday through Oct. 31. \$20; \$10 preview Oct. 7. The Building Stage, 412 N. Carpenter St. Tickets: strangetree.org

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BIKES Vs CARS

CHICAGO'S WAR OF THE WHEELS IS FRONT AND CENTER WITH CRITICAL MASS

Chicago Tribune

A groom was driving down Michigan Avenue to his wedding rehearsal dinner on a Friday night this summer when he found himself engulfed by a sea of bicycles.

Angry that he would be made late, he started yelling, only to have half a dozen cyclists surround his car and verbally assault him for traveling by four wheels.

The groom had stumbled upon Critical Mass, the monthly event that sees up to 3,000 bikers riding en masse through Chicago's streets, running red lights and blocking traffic, all with a somewhat reluctant police escort.

"Riding your bike is fine, but taking over the streets like that is out of control," said the driver, who asked that his name not be used. "I can't believe the police allow it to happen."

He's not the only one who views Critical Mass as a hostile hijacking of the road. Since Chicago's version of the event began 12 years ago, the event has generated a sizable number of foes. Even as its ranks fill with families and those just looking to have fun, some local cyclists complain that some riders are too militant.

To better understand why the event still inspires such ire, the Tribune joined nearly 800 cyclists for a late September ride.

The participants arrived at Daley Plaza in spite of light rain and cool temperatures, gearing up for a route that would creep through the edge of downtown before heading south, west and then north, ending near Wilson and Ashland Avenues.

Blocking traffic might not be legal, but it is simply impossible to ticket everyone when hundreds, sometimes thousands, of cyclists flout traffic laws, said police Cmdr. Christopher Kennedy, head of the Central District.

UNOFFICIAL REPORT

Chicago Critical Mass starts at 5:30 p.m. the last Friday of every month. Riders gather in Daley Plaza, according to chicagocriticalmass.org. The site is maintained by the Friends of Critical Mass, a group of people who participate in Chicago's rides. It notes that it is not an official mouthpiece for Critical Mass because, as it "has no leaders and no structure, there can be no official [Web site] covering it."

This particular dreary evening brought out a diverse mix: hipsters on fixed-gear bikes, suburban couples toting young children, environmental activists and frat boys in costume.

And the hard-core element was visible.

Dubi Kaufmann wore a shirt advertising his bikesalute.com, and explained that the Web site contained photos he had taken of 1,000 riders holding their bikes above their heads—a move sometimes flashed by Critical Mass participants.

"It's kind of primal—like a gesture of independence," Kaufmann said.

Others were more laid-back.

"I like this because it's a way to see different neighborhoods and celebrate Friday," said Mitch Ridnour, dressed head to toe in snakeskin spandex, who stood with friends swigging beers.

As the group prepared to leave, the bicycle patrol officers said they did not expect trouble. Sometimes cyclists crash, but the officers said they'd never seen motorists or pedestrians injured. They typically issue a handful of tickets, mostly for drinking.

What would the police do to cyclists who surround cars to prevent them from moving?



Bike riders head south on Clark Street on Sept. 25 in downtown Chicago during the monthly Critical Mass ride. **CHRIS SWEDA/TRIBUNE**

Unless the participants touch the cars or turn assaultive, nothing.

"Sometimes people give us an earful when they see us standing by as these bikers go flying by," one officer said. "But there's nothing we can do. I tell them to ask their alderman to ban this thing."

Air horns signaled the start, and the bikers flowed out of Daley Plaza onto Clark Street.

A boom box fixed to a bike thumped techno music.

Smiles flashed.

"Happy Friday!"

Within minutes, the group grew many blocks long and enveloped both lanes, bringing rush-hour traffic to a halt.

Instead of being angry, most motorists stuck in the mass seemed amused.

Some honked their horns to show support. Others slapped high-fives with passing bikers.

Passengers in one car leaned out the window to snap photos.

"It's really cool to see all the bikes," said Joe Herrman, among the many motorists unfazed by



CRITICAL BEGINNINGS

San Francisco riders held the first Critical Mass in 1992, and it has gone global. When Critical Mass began in Chicago, the rides were framed as protests against cars, only hard-core cyclists participated, and police made arrests in an effort to stop it, said Alex Wilson, who used to print *The Deraillleur*, the unofficial publication for the city event.

Since then, the informal organizers have steered the rides onto a more positive path, adopting "Happy Friday" as the official cheer and

striving for peaceful encounters with motorists, pedestrians and police.

"Protesting wasn't great PR for biking," Wilson said. "We wanted to make it a big party parade, a celebration of biking."

With this more cheerful approach, participation has swelled, and police have become more permissive, ticketing only those cyclists caught drinking or damaging cars, including a young woman who crashed into a vehicle during August's ride.

the 10-minute delay. "I find this very interesting."

Pedestrians were equally supportive, grinning and waving from the sidewalks.

When the group, after heading south, poured through an intersection, Nikki Jeje was slightly

peevied to be stuck on the corner watching the traffic light repeatedly flash from green to red.

"It's annoying that I can't cross the street," Jeje said. "But I'd be lying if I said I was really angry."

POWERPOINTS

Critical Mass— for or against?

Like everyone else in Chicago, RedEye staffers have their opinions about bikers in the city. Two of our resident riders weighed in on Critical Mass, the monthly event in which two-wheelers take over the streets.



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PRO: Relax, people

I get it. It's frustrating to be stuck in your car on the street, unable to drive and being passed by hundreds of cyclists. I don't doubt that some of you have places you need to be. I'm sure others really want to get home Friday afternoon after a long week.

But there's no reason to cuss, honk at or threaten the Critical Massers.

Cars rule the road, no question. But give us these 10 minutes to peacefully pass by and celebrate transportation on two wheels. Then the road is all yours again.

If you come across a colorful group of cyclists chanting "Happy Friday," give 'em a break. Smile back, high five them and enjoy the spectacle. Trust me, it'll be over soon.



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CON: Show some respect

As a cyclist, I'm wholeheartedly behind promoting the presence of bicycles on the road. I also love the idea of riding around the city with a bunch of fun-loving cyclists.

What I don't like is the bad reputation some Critical Massers—and many other cyclists—give the rest of us.

The idea is to teach drivers to share the road with bicycles, but when those bicycles disrupt traffic, break laws and behave inappropriately, the reaction tends to be anger rather than understanding.

My suggestion to cyclists: Just show some respect for traffic laws. But, drivers: Don't think you're off the hook. Grow up and learn how to share.



CRITICAL TWITTER

We asked @redeyechicago Twitter followers if they are for or against Critical Mass and why. Here are some of the responses. Ride along with RedEye every day on Twitter at twitter.com/redeyechicago and on Facebook at [trim/redeyechicago](https://www.facebook.com/trim/redeyechicago).

@twobitme: It's a fun idea, but I don't like the jackassery of them blocking traffic and completely ignoring traffic signals.

@troycostlow: I love Critical Mass - It's an awesome mobile party where the only real agenda is "We like bikes!"

@Brian_Blank: I've ridden w/ Critical Mass before. It's exciting & fun. It's direct action, an active form of protest. It gets attention.

@traceybee: Absolutely for it! Power in numbers, my friend!

@RandomNickname: CM is like PETA: their heart is in somewhat the right place, but their methods and inability to care about others makes them jackasses.

@smithdldit: For it. Everyone needs to be reminded about transportation alternatives, sharing the road and exercise. Ride on.

@haterface: I'm all for critical mass. Motorists need to start respecting/being more aware of us pedestrians & cyclists.

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If you've ever had trouble figuring out a wine label from abroad, don't fret.

The majority of European wines are labeled according to the place of origin—village, town, vineyard, etc.—instead of the grape variety from which they were made. This system of labeling is based on the notion that the growing conditions of a particular region have more influence on the flavor of the wine than the grape variety itself.

The labeling system does not always allow the producer to indicate the varietal on the label, which can cause much confusion for consumers who are used to purchasing wines according to the grape variety. For example, the buyer is expected to know that a white wine from the village of Sancerre is made from the sauvignon blanc grape.

Since geography is so important, many European countries have developed naming systems to document, protect and regulate wine regions. These governing laws dictate what grape varieties can grow where and how the wines can be made into wine and labeled.

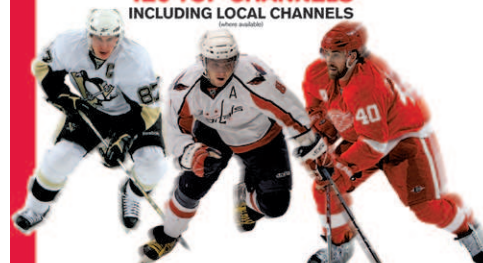
There has been recent talk within the European wine community to overhaul this system and allow the grape variety to be listed on the label in order to remain competitive in markets where the consumer may be more grape-variety oriented. Until then, here is an at-a-glance reference to the more popular wines named for places and the grapes they are made from. **REDEYE SPECIAL CONTRIBUTOR ALPANA SINGH IS DIRECTOR OF WINE AND SPIRITS FOR LETTUCE ENTERTAIN YOU ENTERPRISES AND THE HOST OF "CHECK, PLEASE!" ON WTTW.**

The grapes behind the wines

REGION	WHITE	RED
Sancerre	sauvignon blanc	pinot noir
Pouilly-Fume	sauvignon blanc	N/A
Pouilly-Fuisse	chardonnay	N/A
Bourgogne	chardonnay	pinot noir
Gigondas	N/A	grenache and others
Bordeaux	sauvignon, semillon	cabernet sauvignon, merlot, cabernet franc, petit verdot & malbec
Chianti	N/A	sangiovese
Rioja	viura, malvasia	tempranillo, grenache and others
Vouvray	chenin blanc	N/A

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Bledsoe

Nothing spices up ratings like a good old-fashioned threesome.

"Gossip Girl" will truly live up to its racy "OMFG" billboards Nov. 9, when—wait for it—it features network TV's first menage a trois. Yep, ew.com reports three of the soap's characters will roll around in the sheets together, though who's in the trio is kept tightly under wraps.

One guess might involve a new character, Josh, who is head of freshman affairs at New York University, where Blair and Dan go to school. Neal Bledsoe, the actor who plays Josh, told EW last month that he kisses Chuck (Ed Westwick) in an upcoming episode.

We've got more than a month until this can't-miss episode, so while we wait, we'll dream up our own sexcapade scenarios using this handy grid of "Gossip Girl" relationships. **ARIEL ALEXOVICH, REDEYE**

'GIRL' gone WILD

'GOSSIP' GRID

	 Serena	 Jenny	 Blair	 Vanessa	 Lily
 Nate	Had a hot fling	Passionately kissed	First love	Recent exes	Nothing, but Nate HAS shown a penchant for cougars
 Dan	Intense exes	Siblings!	Frenemies	BFFs	Future stepmom
 Chuck	Adopted sibs	Flirty history	Currently dating	Dating in real life!	Adopted son
 Rufus	Future stepdad	Father-daughter	Nope	She still can't snag Dan, so why not his dad?	Engaged!
 Carter	Currently kind of dating	Nothing ... yet?	Dated	Nothing ... yet?	He's dating her daughter.

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ACROSS

- 1 Animal's coat
- 4 Burden
- 8 Fine-tune
- 13 Additionally
- 14 Convict's room
- 15 Intertwine
- 16 "That _ it!"; cry of disgust
- 17 Wedding miracle town
- 18 Ambassador
- 19 Unquestionable
- 22 Nav. rank
- 23 Fez feature
- 24 S, M, L and XL
- 26 Tiny particle
- 29 Rarely
- 32 Trim sheep
- 36 Heckle
- 38 Egg on
- 39 Snakelike fishes
- 40 Doctrine
- 41 Blockhead
- 42 "Star _"
- 43 Huge continent
- 44 Cone-shaped dwelling
- 45 Part of speech
- 47 "Woe is me!"
- 49 Mud brick substance
- 51 Deli purchase
- 56 Clever humor
- 58 Like a crossword puzzle's grid
- 61 Actress Ekberg
- 63 Wild hog
- 64 Nonsense
- 65 Clean pots
- 66 Money in France & Spain
- 67 Sicilian volcano
- 68 _hose
- 69 Cub Scout groups
- 70 Meadow

DOWN

- 1 Plant life of a region
- 2 Manipulative people
- 3 Valentine's Day gift, perhaps
- 4 Supernatural
- 5 Tidy
- 6 Arm bone
- 7 Thick slices

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- 8 Pluck eyebrows
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- 12 Solutions
- 13 Mine passage
- 20 Phobia
- 21 Hungarian composer
- 25 Sidestep
- 27 Raw minerals
- 28 Excessive enthusiasm
- 30 Eye flirtatiously

- 31 Apportion
- 32 _ good example
- 33 Group of cattle
- 34 Distance above sea level
- 35 Inquired
- 37 Ardor
- 40 House cat
- 44 Russian ruler of old
- 46 String of prayers
- 48 Houston team
- 50 Plant firmly
- 52 Slander

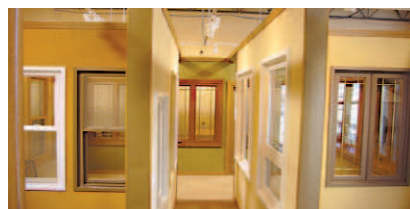
- 53 Sudden, sharp and painful
- 54 Heavenly food
- 55 Actress Chase
- 56 Stinging insect
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Director Peter Billingsley (from left), Malin Akerman and Vince Vaughn.
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Meet Heidi Samuel

Klum, you are out. Auf wiedersehen. "Project Runway" host Heidi Klum has filed a petition to change her last name to her married name, according to Access Hollywood. No, she won't be Heidi Seal. Singer husband Seal's full name is Seal Henry Olusegun Olumide Adeola Samuel. Heidi Samuel—doesn't have the same ring to it, does it?—currently is very pregnant with the couple's third child. It's her fourth.



Heidi SAMUEL
GETTY IMAGES



Vince's Chicago

If it looks like Vince Vaughn is nervous as he swims with sharks in his new movie "Couples Retreat," it's because he was. The Lake Forest native said some of the sharks in the tropical movie were computer-generated images—but a few were the real thing. "Growing up around Lake Michigan, you're not prepared for anything like that," said Vaughn, who attended the Chicago premiere of the film Tuesday at the AMC River East 21 theater. "When I first got in the water I was [nervous], but, like anything else, you get comfortable once you do it. It was something I thought I'd never do. I was glad I did it—once it was over with."

THE VELVET ROPE

A very J-Hud Christmas

Jennifer Hudson's coming home for Christmas. The title of the Chicago native's first holiday TV special may be cheesy, but we love the sentiment. The former South Sider shines a spotlight on her hometown when "Jennifer Hudson: I'll Be Home for Christmas," airs sometime in December on ABC. The network said Tuesday that the diva will visit Dunbar Vocational Career Academy and the Progressive Baptist Church on the South Side.



Hudson

Working it out

Levi Johnston is getting ready for his close up, according to usmagazine.com. "Team Levi is in the process of preparing for his Playgirl appearance," his lawyer Rex Butler said. "He is in the gym six days a week for the next three weeks." Butler said the photos of Johnston, the 19-year-old father of Bristol Palin's son, should be out by the end of the year.

Butt seriously, folks

You may know Danny Pudi as "the butt-dialer," but not for much longer.

The Chicago native stars opposite Joel McHale and Chevy Chase in NBC's new comedy, "Community." You might recognize him from his T-Mobile commercial, in which he played a man who kept his cell phone in his back pocket and inadvertently called his wife by sitting down on it. Thus, "the butt-dialer."



Pudi

"My last name is Pudi, so that's kind of a joke in itself," he told RedEye on Tuesday. Pudi has no qualms about the moniker: "Even for the audition for 'Community,' the producers were like, 'Hey, aren't you the butt-dialer?'" he said. "And I was like, 'Yes, that's me. I am the butt-dialer.'"

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